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II PUC results: State records 81.15 pass percentage

▶ Dakshina Kannada tops list, Kodagu comes 5th and Mysuru stands 17th

▶ K.H. Urvish Prashanth of Mysuru comes second in State in Science stream

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (KMS&DM)- Ending the anxiety among students and parents alike, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board announced the II PUC (2023-24) exam results this morning at Benglauru in a record time of under 20 days, according to which the State has recorded a overall pass percentage of 81.15 percent, which is higher by over 6 percent than that recorded (74.67 percent) in the last year (2023). The Board Chairperson N. Manjushree read out the details of the results at a press meet at Bengaluru.

The Second PU exams were held across the State from Mar. 1 to 22 at 1,124 exam centres and the evaluation of answer scripts took place in a total of 70 centres from Mar. 25 to Apr. 3.

Out of the 6,98,378 students who had registered for the exam, a total of 6,81,079 students (who included 6,22,819 freshers, 36,007 repeaters and 22,253 private) had appeared for the exam held from Mar. 1 to 22. Out of this, 5,52,690 students have passed the exam, recording a overall pass percentage of 81.15.

Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru, greeting K.H. Urvish Prashanth of BGS PU College in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, who topped the District in Science stream and second in State by securing 597 marks (out of 600). Also seen are College Administrative Officer Dr. R.S. Narasegowda and his parents Harish Prashanth and Dr. Savitha Prashanth.

The results have been published in the Board's website ***https://karresults.nic.in;*** The results were also published in all PU colleges today afternoon.

The maximum number of students were from the Science stream (2,77,831), followed by Commerce (2,15,357) and Arts (1,87,891). While Science stream students fared better by recording a pass percentage of 89.96, Commerce stream students came second with 80.94 pass percentage and Arts stream students got a pass percentage of 68.36. In another interesting Statistics, English medium students fared better by recording a pass percentage of 87.40, while Kannada medium students recorded 70.41 pass percentage.

District Toppers

K.H. Urvish Prashanth

Shreya Ganesh Iyer

K.H. Urvish Prashanth of BGS PU College in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, topped the District in Science stream and came second in the State by securing 597 marks (out of 600). Shreya Ganesh Iyer of Maharani's PU College, Mysuru, secured 594 out of 600 marks and stands among the District toppers in Science stream.

Also, three students from Sadvidya PU College of Mysuru were among the District toppers in Commerce stream — Swathi S. Bhat (594 marks), Sahana S. Pai (586 marks) and P. Manish Kumar (585 marks).

As many as 1,53,370 students from the three streams (Arts, Science and Commerce) passed out with distinction (85 percent and above), while 2,89,733 students passed out in First Class (60 to 85 percent), 72,098 in Second Class (50 to 60 percent) and 37,489 students in Third Class (less than 50 percent).

(See II PUC on page 6)

K.G. Anantharaj Urs, MRC Steward passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 10- K.G. Anantharaj Urs (72), Steward and former Secretary of Mysore Race Club Limited (MRC), passed away at a private hospital in city this morning after prolonged illness.

A resident of Siddarthanagar, he leaves behind his wife Sadhvidevi, daughter Dr. Kushalini and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at 11 am tomorrow at Ursu crematorium, foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Anantharaj Urs was closely associated with the Mysore Palace and during his school days, he studied along with Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar at the Royal English School. Presently, he was also serving as the Treasurer of HHSNW Foundation.

K.G. Anantharaj Urs

A Rotarian, he had served as the President of Rotary Mysore and also as the Secretary of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club) and as Secretary-General of Turf Authorities of India (TAI) during 2019-20.

Anantharaj Urs also has the distinction of serving as the Secretary of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited for consecutive 25 years between 1994 and 2019. MRC Secretary Dr.M.R. Jagannath has issued a press release condoling the death of Anantharaj Urs.

Glitches in MCC's online portal

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY& BCT)- A section of property owners has been encountering difficulties while attempting to pay taxes online due to issues with MCC online property tax payment site.

However, offline payment process at all nine MCC Zonal Offices has been running smoothly, with owners lining up to pay taxes. Facilities have been established to accommodate both online and offline tax payments at Zonal Offices and MCC staff at the counters are also issuing tax slips to property owners.

(See also page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 10th April 2024

40th year celebrations of Meena Bazar

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (KS) - Meena Bazar Merchants Association and Social Welfare Committee had organised a function on Apr. 6 to celebrate 40 years of naming Meena Bazar. The event was held near Tipu Hall on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla.

Association Secretary Afroz Pasha said that the stretch of Sawday Road from the junction of Ashoka Road was named as Meena Bazar after the then MLA late Azeez Sait had appealed to name this stretch after Meena Market near Mecca and Madina and it has been 40 years since it was named with over 600 shops conducting business today.

Moulana Mohammed Sufi Mukhtar Ahmed Noori Baba, who also spoke said that Meena Bazar attracts people from Bengaluru, Mandya, Hassan and other places and it is a favourite place for shoppers especially during Ramzan.

On the occasion, Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff was felicitated for his 55 years of Imamath service. The Sir Khazi prayed for the well-being of all and wished that Ramzan and Ugadi bring peace, harmony and happiness to all.

Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi presided over the programme. Rafath Ulla Khan, Swamy, Chishtiya Foundation Group President Khwaja Mohammed Musheer Chishti, Mujeed Toufiq, Tabrez Sait and others were present on the occasion.

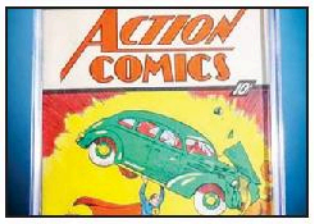
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Recently, the questions about the EVMs have mostly centred on using the VVPATs. Many of those who raised the questions have said that they are not against the use of the EVMs, but want to ensure that there is no possibility of their manipulation. The EVMs have been proved, through many elections, to be reliable and tamper-proof. The ECI has held sessions to demonstrate that the machines work well in all conditions. The charge that they can be hacked with advanced technology has not been substantiated. The EVMs are not networked and are allotted randomly to Constituencies and polling booths. The malfunctioning of a few machines out of many lakhs cannot be considered a sign of a problem in the system. It should be noted that Opposition parties have also won many elections after the introduction of the EVMs. Many of the complaints have been made by parties when they lost an election, or when they expect to lose one.

However, complaints about electoral practices and procedures, and suggestions for improvement are always legitimate, and need to be acted upon in a democracy. Though the EVMs are standalone units they become part of a system after the introduction of the VVPAT. There is merit in the demand for counting of all VVPAT slips; but the ECI has said that that would be as good as reintroducing ballot papers, and would delay the counting process. There should not be any room for doubts about the process, and the ECI should take all steps to remove suspicions and complaints about the EVMs and the process. Elections should not only be free and fair but should be seen to be so. —*In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Superman's debut comic sells for 6 million dollars



Dallas: A copy of the comic book that introduced Superman to the world became the world's most expensive comic book when it fetched $6 million at auction.

Heritage Auctions said the copy of Action Comics No. 1, the 1938 comic book featuring the first appearance of Superman, attracted a record-breaking high bid of 6 dollars million at Thursday's auction.

The comic book, featuring the iconic Man of Steel on its cover, was inspected by collectible-grading service CGC and given a grade of "Very Fine+ 8.5," making it the third-highest graded copy of Action Comics No. 1 known to still exist.

The comic was published by National Allied Publications, the predecessor to the modern-day DC Comics. The previous record for most expensive comic book was a copy of Superman No. 1 that sold privately for 5.3 million dollars in 2022.

111-year-old named world's oldest living man

Southport: A 111-year-old resident at a British retirement home has officially been named the world's oldest living man by Guinness World Records (GWR).

GWR said John Alfred Tinniswood of Southport, England, was awarded the title after the death of 114-year-old Venezuelan man Juan Vicente Pérez and officials confirmed the former second-oldest living man, 112-year-old Japanese man Gisaburo Sonobe, died Mar. 31.

Tinniswood said he doesn't follow any special diets, but he finds moderation to be the key in remaining healthy. "If you drink too much or you eat too much or you walk too much; if you do too much of anything, you're going to suffer eventually," he said.

Tinniswood has 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Measures to prevent UTIs include staying hydrated, urinating frequently and completely, wiping from front to back after using the toilet (for women), avoiding the use of irritating feminine products, practicing good hygiene, wearing cotton underwear, and emptying the bladder soon after sexual intercourse.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Ramzan to be celebrated tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (AP) - As the Moon was not sighted yesterday, the District Moon Committee has decided to celebrate Ramzan festival tomorrow (Apr. 11).

During the meeting held yesterday evening at the Mysuru District Wakf Advisory Committee Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff collected information about the sighting of Moon from across the State.

As the Moon was not sighted in any part of the district, the Sir Khazi contacted the Central Moon Committee in Bengaluru and declared to continue fasting on Wednesday and celebrate Ramzan on Thursday (Apr. 11).

Eid prayers will be held at Tilaknagar Eidgah Maidan at 9 am and at Rajivnagar Eidgah Maidan at 8.30 am. The changes in the prayer timings were made due to increase in temperature. Sir Khazi has urged Muslim brethren to carry umbrellas and carpets while coming for prayers.

Eid prayers will also be held at the Grounds opposite Masjid-e-Nimra in Rajivnagar at 7 am, Masjid Khair-ul-Wara - Rajivnagar at 7.30 am; Masjid Syed Ahmed at S.A. Layout, Rajivnagar and Masjid Omer Khan on B.N. Street in Mandi Mohalla at 8 am; Ghousianagar Eidgah Grounds at 9 am; Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road and Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle at 10 am and Masjid Showdul Baddar in Shanthinagar at 10.30 am.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **84.13 feet**	Today's level **2,263.67 feet**	Today's level **2,826.61 feet**
Last year's level **94.02 feet**	Last year's level **2,259.45 feet**	Last year's level **2,821.81 feet**
Yesterday's level **84.27 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,263.77 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,821.88 feet**
Today's Inflow **70 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **30 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **161 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **779 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **400 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***There are three types of camels in the world: Dromedary camels (or Arabian camels), Bactrian camels (or Asian camels) and wild Bactrian camels (Camelus ferus). The majority of camels are domestic. The only wild camel species, wild Bactrian camels, are only found in just a few locations in China and Mongolia.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Sashi, tell me who invented the airplane?*
Sashi: *The Wright Brothers.*
Teacher: *Right. Now Victoria, tell me who invented the jet plane?*
Victoria: *The wrong Brothers!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.19
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.46
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.65
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.28

VOICE OF THE READER

Yaduveer has potential to become a mature politician

Sir,

In an interaction programme titled '*Vision for Mysore,*' arranged by several service organisations, the BJP candidate for Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, has touched the whole gamut of issues with great sagacity ***(Political platform crucial for public service: Yaduveer*** in *SOM* dated Apr. 5).

His observations on environment, cricket, connecting Mysuru to major cities, employment of youths, referring to heritage buildings, real estate etc., were very topical issues that touch the welfare of citizens.

His articulation of ideas on all these issues shows that he has done a deep study of the same.

He spoke about behavioural changes necessary for cleanliness. This is also a very crucial issue because this cannot be achieved by the government alone but also by a change in the mindset of people to have a sense of pride in keeping their city clean and hygienic.

The very fact that Yaduveer is going about canvassing in a measured way, not trying to indulge in political rhetoric or trying to score political brownie points, shows his maturity.

Let us all wish him good luck for he is brimming with ideas that will perhaps do a lot of good to this royal and cultural city.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
5.4.2024

Milk packets will remind you about voting dates

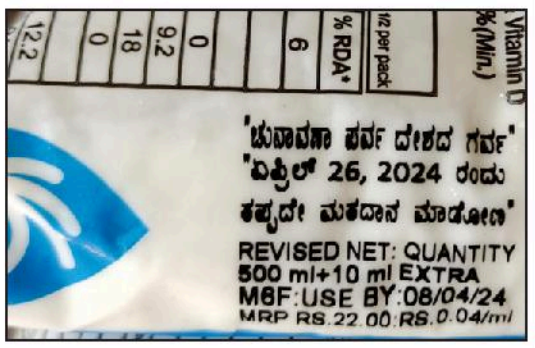
Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BCT)- The indispensable milk sachet found in every household is now serving as a daily reminder of the upcoming election dates in Karnataka: April 26 and May 7.

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has taken the initiative to convey these crucial dates by printing messages on all Nandini milk and curd packets, urging people to exercise their right to vote.

This effort aims to emphasise the importance of voter participation and the civic duty associated with it. Even the Mysore Milk Union Limited (MYMUL), which caters to Mysuru and its surrounding areas, is actively contributing to voter awareness by including messages on its milk packets.

The KMF, through its numerous milk unions, spread across the State, distributes over 85 lakh litres of milk in plastic packets. Milk packets supplied to 14 districts in South Karnataka (Udupi, Chikkamagalur, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Chitradurga, Tumkur, Mandya, Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Central, Bengaluru South, Chikkballapur and Kolar) will display the election date of Apr. 26, while the remaining districts (Chikkodi, Belgaum, Bagalkot, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bidar, Koppal, Bellary, Haveri, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Davanagere, and Shivamogga) will feature the date of May 7.

This isn't the first time KMF has undertaken such an initiative; they had previously done so during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. It's part of various governmental efforts to encourage public participation in elections.



MYMUL, distributing over 5 lakh milk packets daily through its parlours and outlets, is also actively participating in this initiative. Alongside the voting dates, the slogan 'Chunavana Parva, Deshada Garva' (Elections: the biggest Festival and Pride of the Nation) is printed on the milk and curd packets, further emphasising the significance of voting in the democratic process.

Officials have indicated that the district-level Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee has instructed both private and public organisations to actively participate in voter awareness campaigns. The goal is to increase voter turnout and support the endeavours of SVEEP.

MYMUL has aligned itself with SVEEP and is currently engaging in voter sensitisation efforts. As part of this collaboration, the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Committee has requested the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to imprint the election date and slogan on milk and curd packets.

The KMF will continue to spearhead this voter awareness drive until the conclusion of the elections in Karnataka on May 7.

Rly. pensioners meet on Apr. 13

Mysuru, Apr. 10 - The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held at the Association Office here on Apr. 13 (Second Saturday) at 11.30 am.

P. Shivaprakash, Divisional Secretary, SWRMU Mysore, will be honoured for his outstanding service. He will also address the pensioners.

G.S. Swaminathan, Working President, will preside and address the pensioners regarding the present status of the cases of notional increment for those who retired on superannuation on 30th June/December 31st.

Bille Gowda, Working General Secretary and M. Govinda Rao, Vice-President, will be present at the meeting.

MGP meet with MCC Health Officers

Mysuru, Apr. 10 - Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has already started activities to get back the coveted first rank of the cleanest city in India.

During the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) on Apr. 14, the attendees will have an opportunity to discuss health-related issues like monitoring the hygienic standards of restaurants, street vendors, functioning of FSSAI, etc., with MCC Health Officers Dr. Venkatesh and Dr. Harish.

The meeting will be held at MGP Office in Yadavagiri on Sunday at 4 pm.

For details contact Ph: 0821-2515150.

MCCI urges extension of 5 percent property tax rebate till July end

Mysuru, Apr.10- With the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) announcing the usual 5 percent rebate on property tax (2024-25) for a month from Apr.1 to 30, the Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) has urged the MCC to extend this rebate for three more months till the end of July.

In a letter addressed to the MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju said that Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP)in an order dated Mar.13, 2024, has announced that the 5 percent property tax rebate within its jurisdiction will be in effect from Apr.1 till the end of July. Likewise, the MCC too should extend the rebate period from the current Apr.30 till July end and thus help the property owners to facilitate payment of taxes by utilising this opportunity, the letter said.

Apex Court stays State Board exams for classes 5, 8, 9, 11

New Delhi, Apr.10- In a big setback to the State Government, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Karnataka Government to keep the results of Board exams for classes 5, 8, 9 and 11 in abeyance and rebuked the authorities for playing with the future of students.

A SC Bench, headed by Justice Bela Trivedi, directed the State to keep in abeyance and not to communicate or circulate the results of the exams at any cost either to the students or parents.

The Top Court order came just a couple of hours after the Board exam results were announced, adding another twist to the month-long saga that has caused much consternation among the schools, students and the parents.

"This is the classic instance whereby none other than the Government of Karnataka has sought to create havoc and great distress not only amongst the students and their parents, but also amongst teachers and school managements in Karnataka," Justices Bela M. Trivedi and Pankaj Mittal said, while expressing their displeasure.

The Court stayed the operation and implementation of the Karnataka High Court's order of Mar.22, allowing the State Government to conduct the Board exams. The Court also stayed the Apr. 6 order by the Karnataka School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Council for declaration of results till further orders.

The SC was hearing a petition by the Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools (OUR Schools). The Petitioner, led by Advocates K.V. Dhananjaya and A.Velan, contended that the HC Division Bench did not grant them anytime to approach the SC to challenge the order.

The State Government had directed to hold the exams on Mar.25, 26, 27 and 28 for classes 5, 8 and 9 when the SSLC board exams were also taking place.

Meanwhile, even as the students, parents and the schools were in confusion after the SC order, the Department of School Education and Literacy has decided to take legal opinion on the matter and consult the Advocate-General.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ramanavami programmes

As part of Sri Ramanavami Festival, Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust has organised the following programmes at its premises in Yadavagiri daily at 6 pm: Apr.10 - Group Music by Sathya Dhyana Bhajana Mandali; Apr.11- Vocal Concert by Vid. Anantha Ramachandra & party; Apr. 12 - Dance Recital by disciples of Guru Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts; Apr. 13 - Vocal Duet by Vid. Mysore N. Srinath and Vid. S. Rajath; Apr. 14 - Vocal Concert by Vidu. Jamuna Srinivas and disciples of Champaka Academy of Music School; Apr. 15 - Pravachan by Pt. Vyasatheerthachar; Apr. 16 - Group Music by Vidu. Dr. Rashmi Adish Group; Apr. 17- Dance Recital by disciples of Vidu. Dimple of Krishne Dance School.

Discourses at RK Ashram

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, has organised the following discourses at its premises in Yadavagiri at 6 pm: Apr. 11 - Swami Jnanayoganandaji will speak on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita'; Apr. 13 - Swami Muktidanandaji will speak on 'Daiva Prajna Karma Yajna Spiritualising Way'; Apr. 14 - Swami Mahamedanandaji will speak on 'Bhaktavatsala Sri Rama Krishna.'

Installation Ceremony

The Installation Ceremony of the new team of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, will be held at MBCT Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar in city on Apr. 12 at 6 pm. Swami Japanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Pavagada, will be the chief guest. K. Vishwanathan, National President, BAI, will be the Installing Officer. Srinivas Reddy, State Chairman, BAI - Karnataka, will be the guest of honour.

Inauguration of Chinnara Mela

Chinnara Mela-2024, the children's theatre training camp organised by Rangayana Mysuru will be held from Apr. 12 to May 7. India Book of Records holder young theatre artiste Gokul will inaugurate the camp at 5 pm on Apr. 12. Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will preside. Theatre artiste M.S. Nudi will be the chief guest. Rangayana Dy. Director Nirmala Mathapati and Chinnara Mela-2024 Convenor Geetha Montadka will be present, according to a press release.

Officers ride bikes to rev up voter awareness drive

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY&BS)- A bike rally was taken out by district-level Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, to create awareness in view of Lok Sabha elections, in city this morning.

An estimated 500 to 600 staff from 39 Government departments, riding about 250 to 300 motorbikes and scooters, participated in the Bike Rally, that was flagged off from Shivarathri Rajendra Circle (Gun House).

A tableau with LED screen fitted on either side of a goods vehicle of MCC, to highlight the significance of compulsory voting also accompanied the rally.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri, who is also the Chairperson of District-level SVEEP Committee, Reproductive Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth, MCC Environmental Engineer S. Mythri were among the Officials who took part in the rally riding the two-wheelers with enthusiasm.

The rally passed through Maharaja's Sanskrit Patashala junction, new Sayyaji Rao Road, KR Circle, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Bamboo Bazaar, Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle), Nelson Mandela Road, LIC Divisional Office Circle, Fountain Circle, Nexus Mall junction, Mahadevapura Road, Sathagalli, Outer Ring Road (ORR) and Pushpashrama junction before culminating at Kempegowda Circle (Manipal Hospital junction) on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway.

Earlier, DC Dr. Rajendra said: "It is a festival of democracy and we are conducting several activities to create awareness on voting, with bike rally taken out to attract young voters."

Gayathri said: "We want to increase voting to 100 percent, hence we have been continuously organising several awareness activities. As a part of which we have organised bike rally involving the staff of various departments."

First phase of polls for 14 LS seats in Karnataka on Apr. 26

NDA, Congress locked in close fight

Bengaluru, Apr. 10 (KMS&BS)- The first phase of Lok Sabha (LS) elections for 14 Constituencies in the State will be held on Apr. 26 and Congress & National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by BJP, which has a truck with Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S), are locked in a close fight.

While Congress has pitted its candidates in all the 14 seats, BJP has fielded its nominees in 11 seats and its ally JD(S) in three seats. The last date for withdrawal of nominations was Apr. 8 and the candidates of all the three prominent parties in the State are in the fray. It includes following Constituencies: Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Hassan, Udupi-Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Central, North and South.

Barring the candidates of 3 prominent parties in the State, no other candidates in the fray look to pose a fight, reducing it to a straight fight between Congress and NDA candidates.

The candidates have already hit the campaign trail with the leaders accompanying them in the road shows and meetings to woo the electorates. Except for the recent mega road show of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in favour of BJP candidate Dr. C.N. Manjunath in Bengaluru Rural, no other national leaders have hit the hustings in the State.

The prominent candidates in 14 LS Constituencies that goes into voting in the first phase includes titular king of erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Wadiyar of BJP in Mysuru-Kodagu seat, JD(S) candidate and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy in Mandya and D.K. Suresh, brother of Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, who is seeking re-election from Bengaluru Rural Constituency.

Among those 14 Constituencies, 11 seats are reserved for General Category and three are Scheduled Caste (SC) Reserved seats — Chamarajanagar, Kolar and Chitradurga.

The prestige of many is at stake including that of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Varuna Assembly Constituency represented by him in the Legislative Assembly falling under Chamarajanagar LS segment, where Sunil Bose, son of Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, is trying his luck in his maiden contest as a Congress candidate.

Similarly, most of the influential Ministers in the Cabinet of CM Siddaramaiah, are also testing their mettle with their kith and kin in the electoral arena this time.

Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat: 18 in fray

Six candidates withdraw papers on Apr. 8; Papers of four others rejected during scrutiny

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BS)- A total of six candidates have withdrawn their nomination papers on Apr. 8, the last date for withdrawal of nominations, with 18 candidates remaining in the fray from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha (LS) Constituency, that is among 14 seats in the State going into elections in the first phase scheduled to be held on Apr. 26.

The candidates who withdrew their nomination papers are: R. Mahesh, S. Doreswamy, Rajanna, Shivananjaiah, Srinivas Bogadi and Sanna Nayaka, who had filed papers as independents.

Prominent among the candidates who have remained in the fray are Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of BJP and M. Lakshmana of Congress.

A total of 28 candidates had filed their nominations, but the papers of four candidates had been rejected during the scrutiny, while six candidates withdrew their papers.

While in Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency, a total of 14 candidates are in the fray including former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of JD(S) and Venkataramane Gowda (Star Chandru) of Congress.

In Chamarajanagar (SC Reserved), a total of 14 candidates are in the fray, including former MLA S. Balraj from BJP and Sunil Bose of Congress.

At Hassan, a total of 15 candidates are in the fray, with sitting JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna seeking re-election, while Shreyas Patel of Congress party is making his political debut.

Two EVMs in each Polling Booths: DC

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BS)- With 18 candidates in the fray, two Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) will be used in each of the polling booths for the elections to Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha (LS) Constituency scheduled to be held on Apr. 26, according to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, also the Returning Officer.

A total of 20,72,337 voters are in the electoral roll in Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency including 10,17,120 male, 10,55,035 female and 182 others (sexual minorities).

A total of 2,192 Polling Booths excluding additional 10 booths that takes the total to 2,202 booths will be set up including 273 in each of Madikeri and Virajpet Assembly Constituencies, 235 in Periyapatna, 274 in Hunsur, 341 in Chamundeshwari, 265 in Krishnaraja (KR), 248 in Chamaraja (CR) and 291 in Narasimharaja (NR).

Congress guaranteed huge debts; Karnataka model a failure: BJP

Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan appeals to voters to elect Yaduveer Wadiyar to teach Congress a lesson

Ashwath Narayan

Madikeri, Apr. 10 (PS&BCT)- BJP MLA and former Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, launched a blistering attack on the Congress Government, asserting that their much-hyped 'Karnataka model' has failed and they have failed to deliver on their promises to the people of the State. Instead, the Government is borrowing huge debts to run the State.

Addressing an election meeting at Jaycee Forum in Somwarpet, jointly organised by BJP and JD(S) leaders on Monday, Ashwath Narayan criticised the Congress' approach, stating, "The Karnataka model propagated by the Congress party and its Ministers and MLAs ahead of the Lok Sabha election has proven to be a failure."

He expressed confidence that the people of Kodagu are discerning enough to recognise the empty pledges made by CM Siddaramaiah and his team and appealed to the voters to ensure a resounding victory for BJP candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to teach a befitting lesson to Congress.

Highlighting specific grievances, Ashwath Narayan lambasted the Siddaramaiah Government for burdening the State with substantial debts. He pinpointed deficiencies in the implementation of guarantees. Narayan contended that the much-hyped 'Karnataka Model' was nothing more than an electoral ploy, accusing the Congress of betraying the trust of the people of Karnataka.

Narayan further criticised the Congress Government for failing to fulfil its promises even after one year in office. He highlighted that despite their assurance to implement five guarantees immediately upon assuming power, the promises remain unfulfilled.

He accused the Congress Government of only releasing 10 percent of the pledged funds, leading to a drastic shift in Karnataka's status from being a power surplus State to a power deficit one under the current administration. Moreover, Narayan accused the Congress of attempting to deceive and mislead the public for electoral gains.

Third term imperative

"At the heart of Prime Minister Modi's leadership lies a transformative vision for India that encompasses economic pre-eminence, social empowerment and inclusive and equitable development," Ashwath Narayan stated.

"Since assuming office in 2014, his government has embarked on ambitious initiatives to accelerate economic growth, foster innovation and promote self-reliance," he added. Addressing the gathering, Yaduveer Wadiyar emphasised the indispensable role of PM Modi's leadership in advancing India's interests and aspirations on the global stage. He highlighted that as India emerges as a leading global power, it necessitates a leader with a clear vision, strategic insight, and diplomatic finesse.

"The transformative reforms initiated by PM Modi require time to yield their full benefits and any disruption in leadership could potentially derail the progress made thus far," he emphasised.

"Securing a third term in office would allow Prime Minister Modi to consolidate his Government's achievements, further strengthen the foundation laid, spearhead big-bang reforms, navigate through the complexities of a rapidly evolving global landscape and propel India towards becoming the third-largest economy in the world," he added.

Former MLAs K.G. Bopaiah, M.P. Appachu Ranjan, S.A. Ramdas, MLC Suja Kushalappa, Kodagu BJP President Napanda Ravi Kalappa and others were present.

NDA Lok Sabha candidates seek Seer's blessings

Former Chief Minister and Mandya Lok Sabha BJP-JD(S) candidate H.D. Kumaraswamy, who visited Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt at Vijayanagar in Bengaluru this morning, took the blessings of Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and sought support for all the BJP-JD(S) alliance candidates for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Present on the occasion were NDA candidates Yaduveer Wadiyar, Tejaswi Surya, P.C. Mohan, Shobha Karandlaje, V. Somanna and Dr. C.N. Manjunath. Also present were Opposition Leader R. Ashok, JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, former Ministers Araga Jnanendra, C.T. Ravi, MLA S.R. Vishwanath and others.

Mandya has 17,79,239 voters

Mandya, Apr. 10 (MR&DM)- The Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency, which is going to polls on Apr.26, has as many as 17,79,239 voters.

Announcing this at a press meet at his Office here on Monday, Mandya DC Dr. Kumara, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that Malavalli Assembly segment has the maximum number of voters in the Constituency with 2,53,628 voters and Melukote Assembly segment has the least with 2,03,398 voters.

Pointing out that there are a total of 2,076 booths across Mandya district, Dr. Kumara said that Apr. 26, the polling day, has been declared a paid holiday. He further said that Malavalli Assembly segment has the highest number of booths with 272, followed by Melukote with 264, Mandya with 264 (inclusive of 2 auxiliary booths), K.R. Pet- 261, Nagamangala with 260, Maddur with 254, K.R. Nagar with 252 and Srirangapatna with 249 booths.

Also, 3,644 voters including 2,569 senior citizens aged over 85 years and 1,075 physically challenged voters will exercise their franchise from their homes, with poll authorities making all arrangements for their voting. However, there will be no postal ballots this time, Dr. Kumara added.

Voting awareness jatha on city streets

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY&KS)- The District Administration, District SVEEP Committee, Mysuru City Corporation and various other organisations, in a bid to create awareness on the importance of voting, had organised an awareness jatha in city on Apr. 7.

The jatha, accompanied by various cultural and folk troupes, was taken out on the thoroughfares of T.K. Layout, Janata Nagar and Sharadadevi Nagar in city during which awareness on compulsory voting and importance of voting was created.

The public were told to exercise their franchise compulsorily which was their rights and not to refrain from it. The voters

were informed that their votes were valuable for building a strong nation.

MCC Zone 3 Assistant Commissioner T.S. Sathyamurthy, Nodal Officer Rekha J. Shetty, Revenue Officer Ismail, Environmental Engineer and staff, office-bearers of various organisations, pourakarmikas and others numbering over 400 took part in the awareness jatha.

Online MCC property tax glitches continue unabated

Provision made for online and offline payment; Teams investigating software problems, says Commissioner

Property owners paying tax at MCC Zonal Office 3 in Sharadadevinagar this morning.

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY&BCT)- A section of property owners in the city has been encountering difficulties while attempting to pay taxes for their sites, buildings, commercial complexes, or houses online due to issues with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) online property tax payment site.

However, the offline payment process at all nine Zonal Offices of the MCC has been running smoothly, with consumers lining up to pay their taxes. Facilities have been established to accommodate both online and offline tax payments at the Zonal Offices, and MCC staff members at the counters are also issuing tax slips to property owners. These slips enable property owners to conveniently pay their taxes at the nearest banks.

The MCC has ensured the presence of adequate staff at the tax payment counters at Zonal Offices to facilitate payments, even amidst their election duties. Recognizing the significance of Property Tax revenue to its operations, the MCC is committed to maintaining these counters operational to accommodate taxpayers. Leaving the counters empty during payment periods would be detrimental to the MCC.

The online glitches range from inaccurately high property tax amounts displayed to difficulties in inputting mobile numbers and encountering a slow and unresponsive website. Some users reported that the site failed to open or that the link to the revised tax zone did not appear even after entering the Property ID (PID) number, leading citizens to spend extended periods staring at their desktops and laptops.

We are looking into problems: MCC Commissioner

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu acknowledged the complaints of technical glitches in the tax payment portal. "Yes, I admit that issues are there and at the same time, we have dedicated teams comprising software engineers and officers to solve the glitches," she said.

Dr. N.N. Madhu

"Some residents are experiencing problems, and our technical team is actively investigating these issues," she stated. Dr. Madhu further added, "We have made provisions for both online and offline payment methods to ensure a smooth process. Additionally, our officers are issuing PID slips so that payments can be made conveniently at the nearest banks."

Many property owners are striving to pay their taxes before the end of April to take advantage of the five percent rebate. However, they are often forced to make multiple attempts before completing the payment due to the faulty system.

Instances of the web interface being sluggish or displaying page error messages are common. Numerous residents, who spoke to *Star of Mysore* said that the MCC should rectify systemic errors before urging people to switch to online payments.

Some residents have raised concerns regarding the MCC online payment gateway, noting that it fails to open for many taxpayers due to the marked difference between the old tax rates and the revised tax rates based on the guidance value. This discrepancy has led to difficulties for taxpayers attempting to make online payments through the MCC portal.

Some property taxpayers at the Jayanagar and Sharadadevinagar Zonal Offices have reported that while the server is responsive for a brief period, the page becomes unresponsive during the payment process. This issue forces taxpayers to restart the payment process from the beginning.

Visitor Promotion event of KPLEX '24 International Polymer Exhibition

Mysuru, Apr. 10- As a prelude to the KPLEX '24 International Polymer Exhibition to be held at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre in Bengaluru from Apr. 26 to 29, a Visitor Promotion event has been organised at Hotel Fortune JP Palace in Nazarbad, Mysuru on Apr. 12 at 6.30 pm.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju will be the chief guest. Manpasand Plast Manufacturing India Pvt. Ltd. Director Suraj Desai and N. Ranga Rao and Sons Pvt. Ltd. Supply Chain Management Senior Vice-President K. Nirmal Narayanan will be the guests of honour.

II PUC results

Shreya Ganesh Iyer, a student of Maharani's PU College, N.S. Road, Mysuru, who secured 594 out of 600 marks in Science stream, being felicitated by College Principal P. Somanna.

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Also, a whopping 6,960 students have scored centum (100/100) in Mathematics, while 5,925 students scored centum in Biology, followed by 2,661 students in Computer Science, 2,570 students in Kannada, 1,969 students in Chemistry, 1,788 students in Accountancy, 1,499 students in Sanskrit and 1,403 students in Economics.

Mysuru district came 17th in performance rankings (only freshers) by recording a pass percentage of 83.13, which is, however, better than that of the previous year (79.89 percent). Dakshina Kannada came at the top of the list by recording a pass percentage of 97.37, followed by Udupi with 96.80, Vijayapura with 94.89, Uttara Kannada with 92.51 and Kodagu with 92.13. Gadag is in the bottom of the list with a pass percentage of 72.86.

Notably, only one student from Mysuru came second in the State in Science stream. In the Science stream, A.Vidyalakshmi of Vidyaniketan PU College, Hubballi, topped the State by securing 598 out of 600 marks.

In the Commerce stream, M. Gnanavi of Vidyanidhi Independent PU College, Tumakuru, came topper with 597 (out of 600) marks, while the second rank was shared by four students (596 marks) — M.S. Pawan of Kumadwati SC PU college, Shikaripura, S.H. Harshith of Poornaprajna PU College, Udupi, B.Tulasi Pai of Canara PU College, Mangaluru and Tejaswini K. Kale of MES PU College, Bengaluru and the third rank was shared by eight students who scored 595 marks each.

Three students shared the first rank in Arts stream by securing 596 marks (out of 600). They are D. Medha of NMKRV PU College, Jayanagar, Benglauru, Vedant Jnyanuba Navi of SSPU College, Vijayapura and B.V. Kavitha of Indu Independent PU College, Kottur, Ballari district. Ravina Somappa Lamani of KEB Composite PU College, Dharwad, came second in the Arts stream with 595 marks, while three students from different colleges shared the third spot by scoring 594 marks and as many as seven students shared the fourth rank by securing 593 marks each.

In another interesting statistics, as many as 345 unaided PU colleges across the State recorded a 100 percent pass percentage, followed by Government PU Colleges with 91, aided PU Colleges with 26 and Bifurcated PU College with 1, while 26 unaided PU Colleges recorded Zero pass percentage, followed by aided PU colleges with 6, Government PU Colleges with 2 and Bifurcated PU College with 1.

Supplementary exams from Apr. 29

Manjushree further said that the Second PU supplementary exams (Exam-2) will be held from Apr. 29 to May 16.

PU toppers of Sadvidya (from left) P. Manish Kumar (585 marks), Sahana S. Pai (586 marks) and Swathi S. Bhat (594 marks).

MLC A.H. Vishwanath bats for Yaduveer Wadiyar

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BLU&VNS) - BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath, who had been critical of the party till recently, has come out in support of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency.

Addressing the media persons at Hotel Siddharta, here this morning, Vishwanath said that he will be campaigning for Yaduveer Wadiyar and added that the people of Mysuru must pay back the Maharajas of Mysore by casting their vote in favour of BJP candidate.

When asked if he had approached Congress for the ticket, despite being a BJP nominated MLC, Vishwanath admitted that he had sought the ticket for Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency. However he also said that, if given the ticket, he would have resigned from the fray in

A.H. Vishwanath

support of Yaduveer.

Lambasts State Government

MLC Vishwanath, who had previously served as Primary and Secondary Education Minister, came out all gun blazing against the Congress Government in the State demanding immediate scrapping of board examinations for Std.5, Std.8 and Std.9.

"The State Government has been taken to task by the Supreme Court for the second time for violating Right To Education Act. The Congress has been following the footsteps of the previous BJP State Government which had announced similar policies," he said.

Stating that Madhu Bangarappa has failed as School Education and Literacy Minister, Vishwanath said that the State Government was spoiling the sanctity of examinations and Madhu should be sacked from the cabinet.

"Our State, which was known for its innovative programmes, is slipping rock bottom. It is high time that the State Government set aside its prestige and scraps board examinations," he said and added Right to Education was of utmost importance for children.

Adding that ignoring National Education Policy (NEP) has led to such a situation, Vishwanath said the State Government has to ensure the guarantee of school education to children.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

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PETA India donates mechanical elephant Shiva to Suttur Mutt

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (MTY&BCT)- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, along with actors Aindrita Ray and Diganth Manchale, have donated 'Shiva', a unique three-metre-tall mechanical elephant weighing approximately 800 kg, to Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Mutt (Sri Suttur Mutt) near Mysuru.

This generous donation is in recognition of the Mutt's commendable decision to refrain from keeping or hiring live elephants.

Shiva will be utilised for conducting ceremonies at the Mutt in a manner that is safe and cruelty-free, thereby allowing real el-

ephants to remain with their families in the jungle. Aindrita Ray expressed her pride in donating this technology alongside PETA India to Suttur Mutt, emphasising that cultural traditions can evolve to be modern, traditional and compassionate. Diganth echoed these sentiments, highlighting the importance of allowing elephants to live freely with their families for their well-being and respecting God's creation.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji expressed satisfaction in using the mechanical elephant Shiva as a gesture of reverence to all animals created by God, underscoring the simplicity and cost-effectiveness of such mechanical alternatives, which do not pose any risk of danger or distress.

Jumbo Virat dies at Mathigodu Camp

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (KS)- Virat, a wild elephant which was captured at Veeranahosahalli Wildlife Range on Nov. 4, 2023 and housed in Mathigodu Elephant Camp at Anechowkur Wildlife Range in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve died on Apr. 9.

Virat was said to be suffering from severe illness and was not responding to the treatment. It finally breathed its last at about 2.30 am on Apr. 9. Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) D.S. Dayanand, Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh and Range Forest Officer (RFO) D. Devaraju and staff visited the camp. Post-Mortem was conducted and the elephant carcass was buried, according to a press release from Anechowkur Wildlife Division RFO.

Farmer commits suicide

Hunsur, Apr. 10- A debt ridden farmer committed suicide by hanging self at Mulooru village in the taluk. The deceased farmer has been identified as Raju (44) of Mulooru village.

Raju had taken a loan of Rs. 2.8 lakh at a private bank, Rs. 1.5 lakh at Dharmasthala Sangha, Rs. 5 lakh hand loan, all totalling Rs. 9.30 lakh to grow crops. As the crops failed, Raju was unable to repay the loan amount and depressed over this he ended his life by hanging self at his house.

Bilikere Police have registered a case.

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Ugadi Sangeethotsava begins at Palace

*Pic. 1: **Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 3-day Ugadi Sangeethotsava organised by Mysore Palace Board at the Palace premises last evening as** (from left) **Horticulture Officer Yogesh, AEE Sateesh, Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya and Rajesh look on.***

*Pic. 2: **Singer Ananya Bhat and team presenting 'Ugadi Utsava' music concert.***

*Pic. 3: **Sridhara Murthy reciting Panchanga Shravana on the inaugural day yesterday.***

*Pic. 4: **Badari Divya Bhushan & team presenting 'Nritya Vaibhava' Classical Dance performance.***

*Pic. 5: **Rendering of Nada Geethe and erstwhile Mysore kingdom's Nada-geethe by H. Rajesh and team.***

Today, Bhava Geethotsava by Nagesh Kandegala and troupe at 5.30 pm; Karnatak Classical Music by Sumukh Surya and troupe at 6.45 pm; Laya Anubhava by Amith Raj and troupe, Palace premises from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.

Maruti Suzuki-Zen donated to Manjusha Vintage Museum

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (BCT)- Following the publication of a special feature titled ***'PAYANA, a sanctuary for cars'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 7, throwing spotlight on the new Vintage Car Museum opened along the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, a *SOM* reader has sent an e-mail stating that he has donated an iconic car to the original Manjusha Vintage Car Museum in Dharmasthala.

Both the Museums are the brainchild of Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, philanthropist and Dharmadhikari of Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada district.

The donation of Maruti Suzuki-Zen VXI Deluxe (KA-05-ME-9001) was made by Dr. Macharanda Madappa Uthappa, a resident of Gokulam Road in Jayalakshmipuram and the vehicle was personally delivered on May 9, 2023 to Dr. Veerendra Heggade in Dharmasthala along with the vehicle transfer documentation.

Dr. Uthappa told *Star of Mysore* that after visiting the Manjusha Vintage Car Museum, he was deeply impressed by the meticulous display and maintenance of the vehicles showcased there. Recognising the significance of preserving automotive heritage, he felt compelled to contribute.

"I believed that by donating the Zen VXI Deluxe — registered in Mysuru West RTO — to Manjusha, this iconic car would secure its rightful place in the annals of history," Dr. Uthappa said.

Launched in 1993, the Zen swiftly garnered attention as one of Maruti's most prominent and coveted brands. It became a symbol of sophistication for those seeking elegance in a compact car. Despite its immense popularity, the brand was eventually discontinued by the company.

In addition to the Zen, Dr. Uthappa also made a gesture by donating his father's *Peeche Katthi* and *Chele* (part of traditional Kodava attire) to the antique museum in Dharmasthala on the same day.

Gun-wielding Congress worker garlands CM at Bengaluru rally

Bengaluru, Apr. 10 (Agencies)- In a major security breach, a Congress worker carrying his licenced pistol in a holster attached to his belt garlanded Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during an election rally near Wilson Garden in Bangalore South Lok Sabha Constituency on Monday.

Siddaramaiah was campaigning for Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy's daughter and Congress candidate Sowmya Reddy.

The worker, identified by the Police as Riyaz Ahmed from the Siddapura area, climbed onto the vehicle where Siddaramaiah and other political figures participated during the rally. He shouted slogans in support of the CM and garlanded him, along with Ramalinga Reddy and others.

During his brief time in the canvassing vehicle, the pistol in the holster attached to Ahmed's belt was clearly visible. A viral video captured Siddaramaiah noticing the pistol as Ahmed descended from the vehicle.

In a post on the microblogging site 'X', the BJP targeted the Chief Minister, saying this proves that those who garland Siddaramaiah are hooligans, rowdies, and street thugs.

"Gun-wielding rowdies, who used to be seen in the birthday posters, are now posing in front of the society with guns and garlands the CM and Deputy Chief Minister in the rallies. Although the election code of conduct is in force, they are carrying guns and demonstrating like this to intimidate the voters in the area," the party said.

DCP (South) Lokesh Bharamappa Jagalasar stated that an inquiry into the incident is being conducted by the Additional Commissioner of Police (West).

Jagalasar further explained that Ahmed was exempted from surrendering the firearm during elections due to concerns about his safety.

Riyaz Ahmed has been carrying a gun since a murderous assault on him a few years ago, and he has been exempted from surrendering his gun. Ahmed had previously been attacked in 2019 after switching from the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) to the Congress. Officers noted that it seems Ahmed did not intentionally display the pistol. Nevertheless, the incident raises significant security concerns.

Pedestrian dies as KSRTC bus hits

Mysuru, Apr. 10 (RK&KS) - A 57-year-old woman was killed on the spot when a KSRTC city bus hit her while she was crossing the Vani Vilas Road in front of KR Police Station on Monday morning.

The deceased woman is Susheelamma, wife of N. Nagaraju and a resident of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block in city.

The bus (KA-09-F-4377) attached to Kuvempunagar KSRTC Depot was proceeding from Agrahara Circle towards Siddappa Square, when it hit Susheelamma in front of the Police Station at about 11.10 am, killing her on the spot.

K.R. Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem besides seizing the bus and interrogating bus driver Venkataraju.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Parashuramappa visited the spot.

BJP worker following Minister's convoy killed in accident

Bengaluru, Apr. 10 - A BJP worker riding a two-wheeler was fatally run over by a private bus after he crashed into the open door of a car belonging to Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje and fell down on the road in KR Puram here on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Prakash (60), a resident of TC Palya. He died on the spot after being run over by the bus.

Karandlaje is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Bangalore North Constituency and Prakash was following her convoy during her election campaign.

As soon as the door of her car was opened, Prakash crashed into it and fell on the road before he was run over by the bus.

The Minister said he was run over by a bus coming from behind, killing him instantaneously.

Bribe to issue e-swathu

PDO among three in Lokayukta Police net

H.D. Kote, Apr. 10- A Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Surveyor and a Computer Operator fell in the trap of Lokayukta Police personnel on the charges of receiving bribe to issue e-swathu to a villager.

The accused are identified as M.C. Tolalu Grama Panchayat PDO Shilpa, Surveyor Balaji and Computer Operator Shivalinga Prasad.

Lingaraju of Channagundi village in the taluk had applied for e-swathu for his site for which the PDO and the two others had allegedly demanded Rs. 10,000 to issue the document.

Fed up with the demand for bribe, Lingaraju lodged a complaint with Lokayukta Police.

On Monday, Lingaraju gave Rs. 8,000 bribe to PDO and Rs. 2,000 to the Surveyor, following which Lokayukta Police raided the Panchayat Office and caught them red handed.

All the three were questioned at KEB Office, H.D. Kote.

Lokayukta SP Sachith and Dy.SP P.V. Krishnaiah guided Inspectors Roopashree and Jayarathna and staff Umesh, Guruprasad, Gopi, Nethravathi, Triveni, Kantharaj, Prakash, Mohan Gowda, Shekar, Mohan and Lokesh in the case.

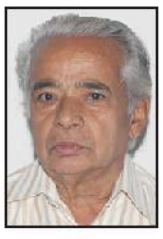
Obituary

K. Srikanta Rao

Mysuru, Apr. 10- K. Srikanta Rao (98), retired Biology teacher of Mahajana High School and a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

Popularly known as KSR among his students, he leaves behind two sons, daughters-in-law, one daughter, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam today.

K.M. Janardhan Aithal



K.M. Janardhan Aithal (86), former proprietor of Balakrishna Bhavan in Bamboo Bazar and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away following prolonged illness on Apr. 8 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on Apr. 9 at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Fazle Kareem

Fazle Kareem (48), son of late Abdul Rasheed of Bismillah Transport and a resident of 6th Cross, JSS Nagar, Bannimantap B Layout, passed away following a brief illness at a private hospital in city yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday after Asar prayers (5.15 pm) at Masjid-e-Rifah in S.S. Nagar followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Puttarasi

Malavalli: Puttarasi (58), a resident of Thiashola in Ooty, passed away on Monday. A native of Kallarepura in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, she leaves behind her husband Palani, son P. Tyagu, daughter P. Kasthuri, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm land in Kallarepura village on Tuesday.

Ban orders around SSLC evaluation centres

Mysuru, Apr.10- With the evaluation of SSLC answer scripts scheduled to take place at 6 centres across the city from Apr.12 to 25, the City Police have imposed prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the evaluation centres during this period from 6 am to 6 pm.

Accordingly, movement of unauthorised persons in the vicinity and carrying of objectionable articles in the vicinity of the evaluation centres are strictly prohibited, according to a press release issued by the Office of the City Police Commissioner. The evaluation centres in the city are: Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihar Higher Primary and High School, Lakshmipuram, Cauvery PU College, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, Gnanaganga High School, Kuvempunagar, Good Shepherd Convent, Lashkar Mohalla, St. Philomena's High School, N.R. Mohalla and Nirmala High School, V.V. Mohalla.

Criminal activities: Two banished from Chamarajanagar

Chamarajanagar, Apr. 10- To ensure smooth conduct of the ensuing Lok Sabha elections, two persons involved in criminal activities have been banished from the district by the Assistant Commissioner (AC).

The two persons who were banished are 26-year-old Ruman, a resident of Galipura Layout in the town and 35-year-old Siddaraju, a resident of Onakanapura village near Begur in Gundlupet taluk. The AC has ordered them not to enter the district till June 6.

Ruman has cases pertaining to attempt to murder and prevent Government servant from discharging duty, while Siddaraju has eight cases registered against him.

The two have been sent to Bidar district.

WORD OF THE DAY

Redoubt

Pronunciation: rih-DOUT (Noun)

Meaning: Redoubt can refer specifically to a small building or area that provides soldiers with protection from attack, or more broadly to any safe or protected place, whether literal or figurative.

Origin: Based on its spelling, you might think that redoubt shares its origin with words such as doubt and redoubtable, both of which come from the Latin verb dubitare, meaning "to be in doubt." But that's not the case. Redoubt actually comes to us (via the French word redoute and the Italian word ridotto) from a different Latin verb—reducere, meaning "to lead back," the same root that gives us reduce. How that ended up in redoubt is a lingering question, but some etymologists have posited that the word might have been conflated with another redoubt—a now-archaic verb meaning "to regard with awe, dismay, or dread" which, unlike its twin, does indubitably come from dubitare.

Example: "Pittsburgh has spent decades building itself as a world mecca for robotics technology and applications. The key to Pittsburgh's development into a robotics centre has been the presence of Carnegie-Mellon University, a historic redoubt of technology that continues to evolve successfully; among its current distinctives is that it offers the nation's No. 1 graduate-degree program in artificial intelligence, according to [Joel] Reed [president of the Pittsburgh Robotics Network]." — Dale Buss, Forbes 28 Apr. 2023

THE ODD WORD

Woebegone

Sad or miserable in appearance.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

To steal someone's thunder

Meaning: You use the expression 'To steal someone's thunder' to say that someone is making claims that belong to somebody else.

Origin: The origin of the phrase 'To steal someone's thunder' comes from theatre. For centuries, various devices have been used to simulate the loud, rattling noise thunder makes. When, in 1704, literary critic John Dennis invented a new method for producing the sound of thunder but had his play closed by the theatre because of low attendance, W.S. Walsh's 1893 Literary Curiosities claims he said: "Damn them! They will not let my play run but they steal my thunder." The theatre in question had used his method of producing thunder during a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Example: "Don't resort to plagiarism. All you're doing is stealing someone's thunder."

QUOTE BOX

One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.

—William Feather

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the riddle:

It belongs to you, but other people
use it more than you do. What is it?

Answer: Your name.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Flake off
5 Mythical monster
8 Bite quickly
12 Jason's craft
13 Actor Kilmer
14 ___ against ____ (same word) : cling to a mere possibility?
15 Lawyer's jargon
17 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
18 ___ now : until a later time?
19 Just a bite to eat?
21 Gentleman's gentleman?
24 Capital of Egypt
25 Apple's tablet
26 Large mice
27 Chap
30 The Scottish for 'own'

MONDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	U		F	G	S			P	E	A	
M	B	A		R	U	H	R		F	I	G	S
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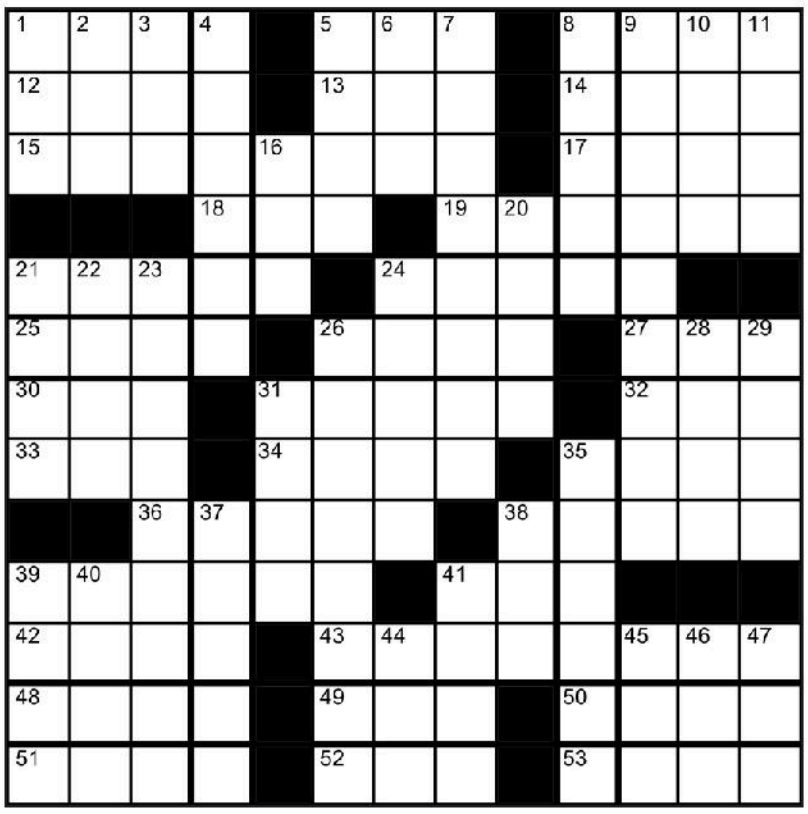
31 Lamp spirit
32 ___ by ___ : singly and successively (same word)?
33 He is quite a ___ : he is quite a spirited person?
34 Cry of grief
35 Inflammatory disease
36 Ethical
38 Dilip Kumar and Waheeda Rehman's 1968 hit
39 Fleshy
41 Commander, in short?
42 Swiss river - change of "area"?
43 Casual
48 Causes irritation
49 Indonesia's earlier name
50 Flows back
51 Burn to ground; destroy or demolish completely
52 ____ the better of : win an advantage over?
53 Hardy heroine

DOWN

1 Buddy
2 Before, for the poet
3 Breakfast staple
4 Idled
5 Six deliveries
6 Ethiopian prince
7 Climbing plant
8 Gather on threads
9 Just about so-so? (3,2,4)
10 Church section
11 Set of bells
16 Fate or destiny
20 French river
21 Small medicine bottle
22 Samoan Port
23 Objects that serve as guides?
24 Man-made waterway
26 Passing along
28 E pluribus __
29 The abominable snowman
31 Apparel
35 Attic
37 Excessively fat
38 Unnecessary activity or commotion
39 Equitable
40 West Indies batting great Brian __
41 Controlled Flight into Terrain
44 Maiden-name
45 English honour, for short
46 Absolute, in short
47 Lightning Sensor Sys.



SUDOKU

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	3						1	
				2	1			
		7				5		
			9	7				
	5						2	
4		1			5			6
7	2		1		6	8		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	9	4	7	6	8	1	5
1	5	6	9	8	3	2	7	4
7	4	8	5	1	2	9	6	3
9	1	3	2	6	8	5	4	7
5	6	4	3	9	7	1	2	8
8	7	2	1	5	4	3	9	6
3	8	1	6	4	9	7	5	2
6	9	7	8	2	5	4	3	1
4	2	5	7	3	1	6	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JALRLVK OLBAPKHN, ZBV XL MLV

XKRLVK SMLVWKA

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS D

Monday's Cryptoquip: The happiest is the person who suffers the least pain; the most miserable who enjoys the least pleasure.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.20 am
Crew (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
The Family Star (Te)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	4 pm
The First Omen (E)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 10.05 pm
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 4.15 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Matinee (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 7.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Godzilla X Kong - New Empire (E-3D)	(S-3)	9.55 pm; (S-4) 1.35 pm
Yuva (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm

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Yuva (K)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50, 9.35 pm
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The Dark Web (K)	11.15 am
Matinee (K)	1.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.30 pm
Marigold (K)	1.35 pm, 6.55 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 6.50, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	10.50 am
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	12.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Matinee (K)	1.35 pm
Bharjari Gandu (K)	2.50 pm
The First Omen (E)	4 pm, 9 pm
Crew (H)	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	4.30 pm
Marigold (K)	7.25 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	10.15 pm

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Yuva (K)	9.30 am, 12.25 pm, 3.40 pm 6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Family Star (Te)	9.50 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	11.50 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	2 pm, 7.35 pm
Matinee (K)	4.40 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	6.55 pm, 10.15 pm

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Crew (H)	(S-2)	4 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.40 am, 4.40 pm
The Family Star (Te)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 am
The First Omen (E)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Matinee (K)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Marigold (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	(S-1)	9.35 am, 7.40 pm

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The Family Star (Te)	9.35 am, 1 pm, 3.10 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	10 am, 12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
The First Omen (E)	10 am, 4.20 pm
Yuva (K)	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	12.45 pm
Matinee (K)	1.15 pm
Bharjari Gandu (K)	1.25 pm
Avatara Purusha 2 (K)	4.25 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	6.35 pm, 10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	7.05 pm
Marigold (K)	7.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 10)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 15th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsav, Sri Mahavishnu Dashavatara Homa and Maha Dhanvanthari Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, Bhava Geethotsava by Nagesh Kandegala and troupe, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Sumukh Surya and troupe, **6.45 pm;** Laya Anubhava by Amith Raj and troupe, Palace premises, **7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 5th Ramotsava programmes, Bhajans by Siddhivinayaka Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm;** Bhakti Sangeetha by Vidu. Sinchana (a Mysurean working as Music teacher at Chinmaya School, Mandya), **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, Mysuru, Rajath Sabha Mantapa of Ganapathi Temple, I Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** 30th Ramanavami festivities, Swami Adityanandaji, Resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Mandya, delivers a discourse in Kannada on 'Vasanta Navaratri,' [sponsored by C.K. Sabareeshan and Mahesh Chittoor in memory of parents Shakuntala and C.R. Kalyana Raman], Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, adjacent to Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, **6 pm.**
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami Festival, Group Music by Sathya Dhyana Bhajana Mandali, Trust premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 11)

- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** 30th Ramanavami festivities, Abhishekam, Ashtottara, Navagraha Japa and Sri Ramayana Parayana, arathi, **8 am to 11 am;** Vocal Concert by H.M. Lakshmi, **5.15 pm to 6.15 pm;** Vocal Duet by Bangalore Brothers — M.B. Hariharan & S. Ashok — accompanied by Dr. K.T. Udaya Kiran on violin, Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Sunaad Anoor on kanjira (sponsored by Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru), Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, adjacent to Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, **6.15 pm.**
- **Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru:** Launching of the Dr. V.R. Devika's book 'Rukmini Devi Arundale: Arts Revivalist and Institution Builder,'solo odissi recital by Anushree Padmanabha, Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, #894, 4th Main, Saraswathipuram, **5.15 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 15th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsav, Mahabhisheka, Saptashathi Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Shrichakrarchana, Sri Sundarakanda Parayana, **8.30 am;** Sri Mahamruthyunjaya Homa and Sri Dakshinamurthy Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, 'Gana Lahari' - Devotional songs by D. Ramakrishna and team, **5.30 pm;** Flute Jugalbandi by Sangeetha Vidwan C.A. Sridhar and Sangeetha Vidwan C.S. Keshava Chandra, **6.30 pm;** Swara Vaibhava by Sai Vighnesh & Lakshmi Nagaraj and M.L. Anand & team, Palace premises, **7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 5th Ramotsava programmes, various folk arts performances — Dollu Kunita, Kamsale Hadugalu and Puja Kunita — by Janapada Madilu Samajika mattu Samskritaka Trust, Rajath Sabha Mantapa of Ganapathi Temple, I Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami Festival, Vocal Concert by Vid. Anantha Ramachandra & party, Trust premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Kodagu Ex-servicemen Welfare Association

Mysuru, Apr. 10- The 5th annual get-together of Kodagu Ex-servicemen Welfare Association (Mysuru East) will be held at Chamundeshwari Convention Hall near Deve Gowda Circle on Bannur Road in city at 10 am tomorrow (Apr. 11). T. Shettigeri Ex-servicemen Association, Kodagu, President K.A. Vishwanath will be the chief guest. Ex-servicemen Welfare Association (Mysuru East) President K.K. Aiyappa will preside.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 10)

RR Vs GT

Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 11)

MI Vs RCB

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai — **7.30 pm**

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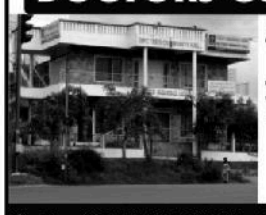

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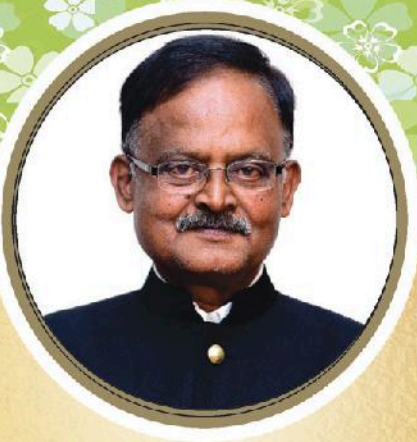

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